



Sensys Travel Time
A Solution for Congestion
Management



## Who Is Sensys Networks?

- Leading provider of wireless traffic detection and integrated data systems for freeways, arterials and traffic control.
- Initial research of concept at UC Berkeley
- -funded by Caltrans (2000-2003)
- -Private sector took over idea in 2003 with Venture Capital
- In production since 2005
- 5 Fundamental patents awarded and 3 Patents Pending
- Accelerating pace of deployments
- -80+ customers in 30 US States and 15 countries internationally
- Fastest growing traffic detection system provider ever state 2



## Sensys Customers: 30 U.S. States (& 15 Countries)





## Caltrans SHOPP/CMIA Deployments in 08-09





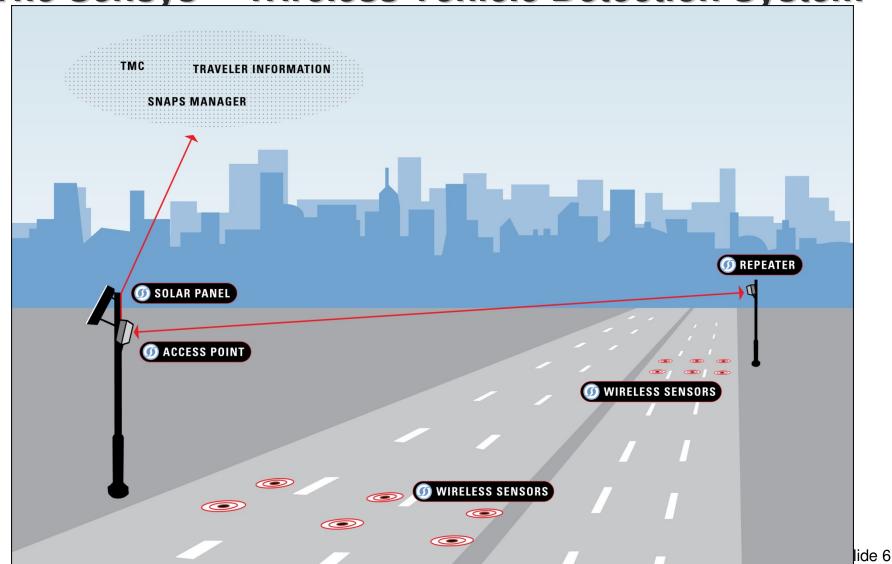


## Why Sensys Networks?

- Sensys Wireless Detection systems are now becoming top choice of technology for the some world's largest implementers of vehicle detection and traffic data systems because they are:
  - > ACCURATE
  - > FLEXIBLE
  - AFFORDABLE
  - > RELIABLE
  - > RE-USABLE
  - FUTURE PROOF



The Sensys™ Wireless Vehicle Detection System







**Sensys Components** 





### WVDS provides agencies with a solution that provides:

- 1) Accurate vehicle data in managing traffic flows
- 2) Cost and time savings in installation and setup
- 3) Reduced traffic congestion and improved air quality in metropolitan areas
- 4) Provides a single platform for local streets, arterial, ramps and freeways for integrated traffic data systems for corridor management
- 5) Arterial travel time using a unique Vehicle Re-Id method





# **Sensys Travel Time**

#### What is it?

- A patented, accurate and reliable system that measures and reports
   REAL-TIME travel times along a city traffic corridor
- It improves corridor management and reduces congestion
  - Enables drivers to choose best route and balance capacity/route useage
  - Allows agencies to coordinate and make better use of capacity
  - Decreases the amount of time vehicles are on the road
  - Reduces fuel consumption and vehicle pollution
- An infrastructure based solution:
  - Uses unique vehicle magnetic signatures with no privacy issues
  - Re-identifies vehicles to provide accurate travel times and vehicle density

### Who benefits from this technology solution?

Drivers, emergency services, local and state DOTs





### What does it provide?

- Travel Time per vehicle
- Travel Time distribution
- Queue length or density measurements
- Plus a host of other parameters to evaluate the performance of the arterial or a particular traffic signals

### Scalable system

- Start with a few key arteries in the city and expand out over time to increase responsiveness and coverage
- Enables the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension in traffic management



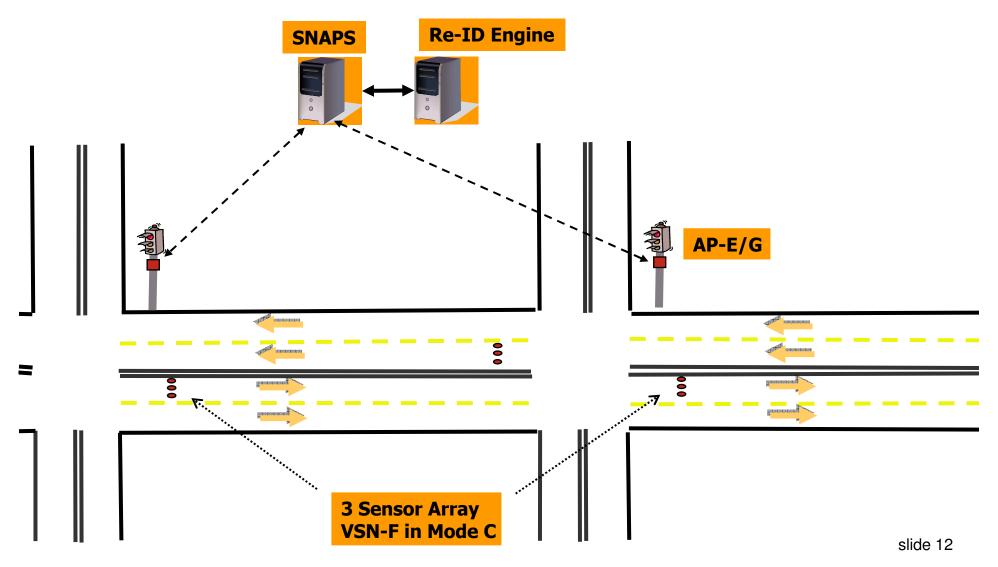
## 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension in Traffic Management

- Until now, arterial traffic management has been based on 3 fundamental measured parameters:
  - Counts (Volume)
  - Speed
  - Occupancy (Density)
- We are adding a 4<sup>th</sup> and highly desirable new parameter
  - Arterial travel time (Delay)

Arterial Travel Time is considered, by many, to be the Holy Grail of Urban Traffic Management



## **Sensys Travel Time System Components**





## **Travel Time Technology**

- What's the technology behind the solution?
  - Matching unique <u>vehicle signatures</u> from the sensors
    - The sensors provide the magnetic signature of a vehicle and the time it crosses the sensor
    - The signature is independent of vehicle speed allowing matching to occur in stop and go traffic conditions
  - A new application running on field proven, mature Sensys VDS240 wireless vehicle detection system



### **Travel Time Trade-offs / Decisions**

#### # of Lanes

- Implement in Fast Lane = Basic system
- Additional lanes improves accuracy and provides redundancy and incident detection

### Density of sensors (sensors /lane)

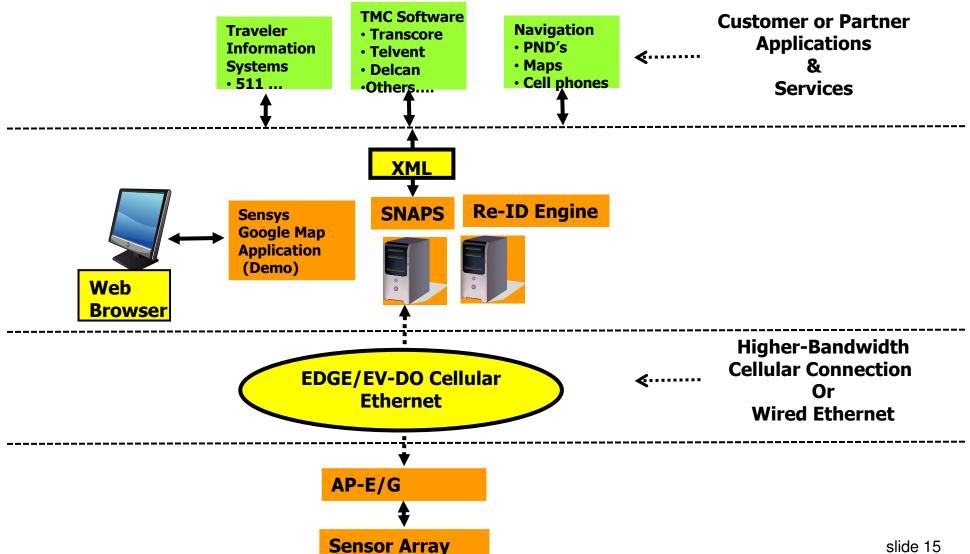
- 3 for typical lanes
- 5 for wider lanes

### Distance between sensor arrays

- $-\frac{1}{2}$  mile if there is no major leakage i.e. large percentage of vehicles leaving or joining the arterial
- Major cross traffic areas must be instrumented

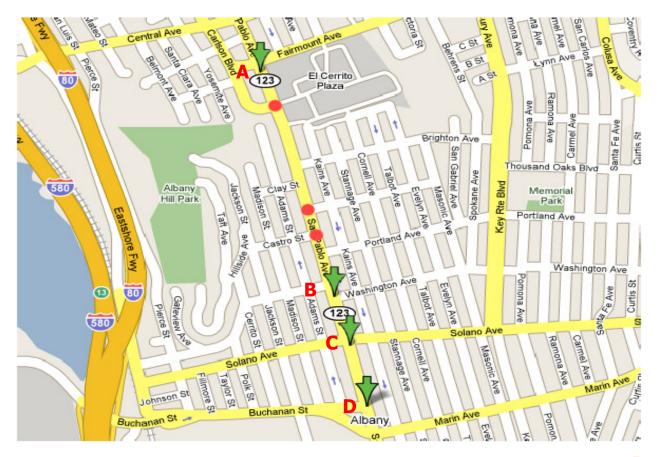


## **Sensys Travel Time Architecture & Interfaces**





## **Alameda County Pilot Site**



3-link, 6-signal, 0.9-mile segment; sensors at A,B,C,D



## **Intersection D**





## **Travel Time Competitive Solutions**

#### Toll tags

- Valid solution only in regions where they already have tags
- Need sufficient penetration
- Privacy issues

#### Video (LPR)

- Inaccurate due to vibrations, weather, regular calibration required
- Privacy issues

#### GPS based systems

- Technical feasibility unproven/being demonstrated/evaluated on small scale
- Will require large penetration (% of vehicles contributing data)
- Privacy issues

#### Loop / Radar count stations

- Provides count and occupancy information
- Currently work on freeways but not on city streets
- There is no solution commercially available today that provides arterial travel times in an accurate and anonymous manner.





### **Example application for OD Travel time from San Diego to Chula Vista on I-805**

